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REMARKS

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On 13 and 14 July 1953, the pontoon bridge near Bertingen was dismantled. The pontoons, bridge building material, cranes and a motorboat were shipped to the Bittkau training camp. On 18 July, a tank unit, which came from the direction of Colbitz, was entrained at the Wolmirstedt railroad station, 50X1-HUM

On 20 July, trucks passed through Cobbel, coming from the direction of the training area. On 20 July, were in Tangerhuette and subsequently went to the training area. At 10:15 a.m. on 20 July, 9 sedans occupied by officers, including generals and field-grade officers, were passing through Cobbel, proceeding toward Bittkau. On 18 July, several trucks loaded with billeting equipment and occupied by troops wearing black bordered black epaulets; and a field kitchen passed through Cobbel. On 19 July, empty trucks went from Bittkau to Muhlwinkel and returned loaded with billeting equipment, boxes, firing equipment, ammunition boxes and boards. At about 2 p.m., six piles of boxes and boards along the loading street at the Muhlwinkel railroad station. About 30 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen nearby. Trucks

shuttled between Muhlwinkel and Bittkau. 2

1. Comment. the train went from Wolmirstedt to Jueterbog on 18 July. The approach route of the unit from the direction of Colbitz tends to indicate that a unit of the 10th Gds Tank Div was entrained.

2. Comment. exercises of the Third Shock Army in the area south of Bittkau as early as late June and exercises of engineer units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the area around and north of Bittkau after about 1 July. The motor vehicles seen in Tangerhuette on 20 July belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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